

# Vintage Spring

*Everything is coming up roses...again. 🌸 Spring and style are one in the same: with classic looks popping up in a brand new year. Today's reduce, reuse, and recycle mentality instructs us how to express personality and style in rediscovered, reinvented and re-inspired ways. Old pieces are seen in new ways, and new style is birthed from old beauty. Re-visit what's tucked away—things you already have in the jewelry case, storage boxes and the depth of your closet. Spring cleaning presents new-found treasures awaiting new life.*



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## REDISCOVERED

Rediscovery allows us to fall in love with something all over again. As styles rotate through the decades, invite back a favorite piece you couldn't part with in your closet and say hello again.

Remember what you loved about the 80's wardrobe. There was the comfort of leggings or the ease of a screen-printed, swing tank top. It's so good to see you again. How about the excitement of the gumball machine ring? Remember the mystery of what little piece would drop out of that gumball slot? All the wonder is back as you take a collection of whimsical rings and stack them together to wear as a set.

Vintage jewelry showcases memories and personality. Try a long silver chain dangling a mini harmonica or a simple skeleton key. Artists are turning antique household items into wearable pieces of the past. An heirloom brooch that has been tucked away in your jewelry box can dress up a sweater, shrug or wrap this spring. Feed your creative side. Fall in love again.

## REINVENTED

Creativity meets practicality as old items come back to life in new ways. Ever thought about re-

using a piece that has been hanging around your closet forever?

Neighborhood artists are taking forgotten older pieces and reinventing them into stand-out looks. For example, a clever top uses a vintage neck tie along the neck line of a basic tank to dress it up in a fresh and unique way. But wait, aren't tank tops just for sultry summer months? There are many ways to reinvent this embellished favorite. A fitted white collar shirt under a fancy tank top gives new versatility in breezy spring months. Try purchasing a tight-fitting scoop neck tee to layer and transform this piece into a new outfit. What else in your closet could be reinvented? Start by thinking outside traditional mindsets. As you are searching through your closet, keep in mind reinvention. Spice up a simple dress with a vintage silk scarf worn as a belt to accentuate the waist. Sparkly hair pins or old clip-on earrings can make a basic pair of flats come back to life. Turn heirlooms into wearable fashion as another way to stretch items you already own into new concepts. Antique lace pillowcase trim or lace napkins can be used as eye-catching detail on a basic T-shirt or dress. Any of these pieces can be taken to a local

tailor for transformation from dresser to world. Feed your practical side as you breathe new life and purpose into forgotten gems.

## REINSPIRED

Old cuts, patterns, and fabrics are inspiration for new designs with vintage flair this season. Designers use what is most attractive about classic clothing to reproduce beauty for today. What draws a woman's eye to a vintage dress is the modest and classy cut. Those same lines and seams bring a timeless look to an otherwise modern piece. Just in time for spring, soft floral patterns have made their way home to flowing skirts, blouses, and camisoles.

Cropped jackets are carrying classic prints such as polka dots and geometric patterns on a structured three-quarter sleeve frame. Layer one with a contemporary jersey knit dress and let the old and the new play off of each other. Vintage fabrics are making their way back into showrooms and storefronts. Creative, practical and feminine come together as old meets new this spring season. Look around and enjoy the rediscovery, the reinvention and the re-inspiration of the season. 🌸